

LINCOLN LEGACY FUN FACTS

Homestead Act



- 🦋 Lincoln signed the Homestead Act on May 20, 1862. Ten percent of the United States, or 270 million acres of land, was given to settlers under this act.
- 🦋 To claim 160 acres of free land, a man or woman had to be the head of a household and at least 21 years of age.
- 🦋 Homesteaders had to pay an \$18 filing fee and live on the claim for 5 years.
- 🦋 Between 1879 and 1886, more than 100,000 people settled in northern Dakota Territory.